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# **Quarantine Service Capacity**

- Director of Quarantine + support (Ottawa)
- 25 Quarantine Officers
- 2 Quarantine Medical Officers
- Coverage of marine ports and remote ports (±1400)
- 94% of int'l flights through these 6 airports
- Canada Border Services Agency officers = screening officers

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## **Quarantine Act**

- In force December 12, 2006
- Regulations can be introduced if required
- Compliance with International Health Regulations
  - June 2007 voluntarily
  - By 2009 capacities must be in place

# **Screening Protocols**

- Notification of ill traveller, by conveyance operator (some local variations as to most effective method)
- Referral of ill traveller by CBSA (50%), EMS, station manager
- Self-report of illness by traveller
- Environmental disinfection and recommendations

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## **Additional Public Health Measures**

- Screening based on emerging case definition/risk profile
- CBSA screening
- Health Alert Notices (HAN)
- Exit screening
- Quarantine facilities
- Screening devices (e.g., temperature scan) or biomarkers

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# **Schedule of Quarantinable Diseases**

(Section 2, subsections 15(2) and 34(1) and sections 45 and 63)

#### Active pulmonary tuberculosis Anthrax

Argentine hemorrhagic fever Bolivian hemorrhagic fever Botulism

Brazilian hemorrhagic fever Cholera

Crimean-Congo hem.fever Diphtheria

Ebola hemorrhagic fever

Lassa fever

Marburg hemorrhagic fever

#### Measles

Meningococcal meningitis

Meningococcemia

Pandemic influenza type A

Plague

Poliomyelitis

Rift Valley fever

Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

**Smallpox** 

Tularaemia

Typhoid fever

Venezuelan hemorrhagic fever

Yellow fever

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#### **Case Study**

May 9 2008, National Quarantine Service contacted by York Region Person with infectious TB had indicated intention to travel to Buffalo, NY, for a conference. CBSA and CDC notified by separate encrypted emails of name and date of birth. Nationality/Passport not available

TB nurse from York visited "patient" and he was made aware of the notifications and this discouraged him from travel

## **Case Study**

June 14 2008. CDC called QMO with regard to traveller who was attempting to cross into NY state

Information that traveller had been removed from CBSA list at request of York since he had been compliant with treatment

CDC denied entry to the United States but allowed release to return home

Lessons: CDC requires evidence of three negative smears – York had not followed up on paperwork. Agreed that PHAC would also require written evidence.

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